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In Loving Memory of Annabelle "Gram" Gordon Decuir

December 25, 1917-February 13, 2023

Annabelle's memorial service will be held at St. Therese Catholic Church, 926 35th Avenue, Seattle, Washington on February 25, 2023 at 10:00am. Our beautiful matriarch, Annabelle Gordon, was born on December 25, 1917, in Prairie Basse, Louisiana and transitioned on February 13, 2023, in Seattle, Washington.

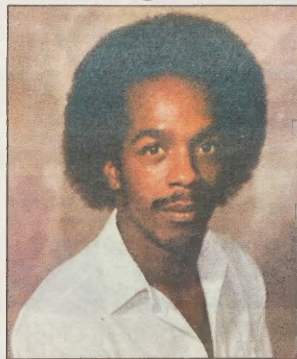
She was the fifth oldest child of four boys and six girls. Annabelle had an idyllic childhood on the family farm; her sisters and brothers were her playmates. She attended School at St. Elizabeth's which was built on the LeBlanc-White-Gordon land by Mother "Saint" Katherine Drexel, a nun and Philadelphia heiress who built schools and churches for people of color throughout the South. Annabelle's first teacher was her sister, Christiana, who taught her how to read at the age of 3. Annabelle went on to attend St. Paul and became a lifelong avid reader. Annabelle married Herman Harold Decuir, Sr. in August 1938 in Lafayette. He was from a large family, the Ventroys, who also had many educators in their family who worked in Lafayette Parish schools. From their union, they brought four children into the world—Loretta, Andrea, Herman Jr, and Marie.

They had their first child, Loretta in 1939 in Prairie Basse because Annabelle wanted to be close to her mother and not in the hospital when she gave birth. In 1943, Annabelle, Herman and Loretta moved to Seattle because Herman got a job at the Bremerton Navy Yard, as a telephone repairman. While living in Bremerton, Annabelle and Herman had a daughter, Andrea in 1943. In 1946, they returned to Lafayette and into the house Herman's mother left him. Also, that year they had a son Herman, Jr. In 1949, Annabelle and her family, Herman, Loretta, Andrea, and Herman Jr. moved back to Seattle when Marie arrived in 1950. They bought a house on 31st and Spring Street as three children attended St Therese and their oldest child attended Immaculate Conception High School. A trained nurse who mostly worked the graveyard shift, Annabelle attended Edison Technical School and became a Licensed Practical Nurse and worked, primarily, the graveyard shift. She had many family members who migrated to Seattle from Lafayette and so holidays were always special when they all got together. Annabelle and the family stayed in Seattle until Loretta graduated from high school in 1958.

Upon returning to Lafayette, as Herman Sr. became the first Negro licensed electrician in the state of Louisiana and opened an electrical contracting business; Annabelle worked at Charity and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital and always had colorful stories to tell about the patients, doctors, and the other

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A Standing Ovation for RD Spearman Jr.



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RD Spearman Jr. was born on August 2, 1959 to Judith Ann Alexander and RD Spearman Sr. in Seattle Washington. RD was the third of six children. RD was preceded in death by Tonnie and Ardell, however, he remained close with Michael, Brenda and Isaac.

RD was notorious for his finesse and charisma. Famous for his barbering skills, excellent cooking skills and his razor sharp creases on his runway ready outfits with perfectly coordinated shoes and hats. He is survived by his daughter Feliz and husband DaVonte' and his five grandchildren Lamiz(10), Cariz(8), Kartier(5), Solei(2) and Sade(2 months). RD is also celebrated by his aunts, uncles, 14 nieces and nephews, cousins and a host of friends. His repast will be held Sunday February 26, 2023 at North Hill Community Club 4-7pm.

In Loving Memory of Timothy R. Johnson



Timothy R. Johnson Sr., 65, passed away on 22 January 2023. He died peacefully among friends in Tacoma Washington. Timothy was born in Houston Texas on 7 July 1957 to Emit and Mamie Lee Johnson. He was a lifelong resident of Seattle but spent the majority of his time in Tacoma.

As a self-employed handyman and carpenter, he worked renovating homes in the Tacoma and Seattle area. He also, applied his to projects at the El Shaddai Christian Ministries of which he was a member. For 21 years he assisted El Shaddai Christian Ministries of Tacoma Washington whenever he was needed.

Timothy is survived by his children; son Timothy R Johnson Jr. and daughter-in-law Daquawya Finley, daughter Jennifer Johnson and grandchildren, Ariana, Angelina, Felipe, Tiara, Jeremiah, and great-granddaughter Qunala Collins. He is also survived by his brothers Thomas and wife Cynthia of Stockbridge Ga, Robert and David Johnson; Sisters Johana Dimeidici (Barbara), Amy Johnson of Tacoma, Vickey Johnson of Seattle WA, and Sharon and husband Steve Allison of Spanaway WA.

He was preceded in death by his parents Emit and Mamie Lee Johnson and sister Victoria Ayemere. He will be greatly missed by his spiritual and extended family. The funeral service will be administered by the House of Scott of Tacoma WA.

Services Fri. Feb. 24th at 11:00 AM, Shilio Baptist Church 1211 So I St. Tacoma Wa. Military Honor ceremony at Tahoma National Cemetery, 81600 SE 240th St. Kent Wa. Feb 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM

Flowers can be sent to The House of Scott 1215 MLK JR Way, Tacoma, WA.

In Loving Memory of Kelli Fine Hayes



Celebration of life for Kelli Fine Hayes will be held on **February 25th 2023 at 11 AM** at Peoples Institutional Baptist Church 159 24th Ave, South Seattle Wash 98122.

Kelli Fine Hayes was born on October 4th 1969 To the union of Willy J Hayes and Elsie Cowen. She leaves to cherish her memory two loving son's Bakari Hayes and Kenyon Jackson. Sister Kristal Hayes one Aunt Edna Randall and a host of family and friends. Officiating Superintendent Jesse Townsel.

In Loving Memory of Lamont Rice



2 Corinthians 5:8

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10 AM -10:45 AM
Memorial Service
11 AM

In Loving Memory of Patricia E. Lawrence



Patricia Elizabeth Lawrence was born in Seattle Washington on January 19th 1953, and left this earth on January 24th 2023. Pat was born to the parents of Bennie and Queen Esther Guinn. There is a reunion going on in the heavens because Pat has joined her mother, Queen Esther Guinn and her sister Mary Katherine Guinn who proceeded her in death.

Pat leaves behind three sisters, Deloris M. Johnson, Bernice M. Cooper, and Shirley Ann Robinson (Willie). She also has four adult daughters, Tiffany Denise Guinn, Dameeka Rochelle Dudley, Michelle Martha Lawrence, and Christina Lanae Porter (Jeremy), who resides in Virginia. Pat was also blessed with grandchildren, Imani Dudley, Romel Dudley, and Kai-Jon Maye, and a great-granddaughter Shaniece Marie Maye, nephews Darnell and Derrick Robinson, Corey Allen Guinn, Michael, Marcel, and Marquise Hale, Niece, Lichelle Hale (Michael) and Great-niece Lei-Auna Robinson. She also leaves behind her special friend, Mary (Delicious) and many other family and friends.

We cannot forget the church family of Tabernacle of Praise where she was welcomed, loved, and embraced. When she was unable to attend services, she listened to recordings of songs sung by the church praise team, blasting the music throughout her apartment. No matter what challenges she faced, you could not stop her praise. Pat's favorite song was "I Really Love You" and her favorite scripture was Psalm 23.

Pat will forever remain in our hearts.

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Obituaries

In Loving Memory of Mary Ellen Mason (Daye)



Mary Ellen Daye was born on January 14, 1929, in Cape Girardeau, MO. to Arthur and Edna Daye. She was the middle child of seven.

Although she started out in Catholic school putting comic books inside of her textbooks so that she could read them in class, she was christened Heleina and later graduated from a Catholic high school.

After high school, Mary married William Miller and to that union, six children were born: Bill, Gary, Alvin, Steven, Philip, and Edna Miller. When her first marriage ended, Mary moved to Seattle in 1958 with her sister Mildred Gregory. She later met and married Grover C. Mason and they had two children: Bruce and Mary Louise Mason.

Mary Ellen Mason worked at Harborview Hospital where she retired after many years of service. Along with her job at the hospital, she is very well known among her family and friends for her other job: shopping downtown! She retired from shopping downtown once arthritis set in but that didn't stop her from

shopping;

HSN and QVC became her new friends. If she wasn't watching the soap operas or westerns, she was watching a TV shopping channel. She also loved to cook. Her signature dishes were teriyaki chicken with rice, meatloaf, and cornbread dressing. Mary had a beautiful smile and friendly disposition. She was generous in her giving and always willing to help those in need. As the Matriarch of the family, she cared for her own and countless others who affectionately called her "Mom." She was highly respected for her honest and direct counsel.

On January 26, 2023, God called His beloved daughter home to eternal rest. Mary was predeceased by her parents; all of her siblings; and two sons, Bill and Steven.

She is survived by her six devoted children; ten loving grandchildren; eleven caring great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; and dear friends.

Although petite in stature, Mary made a big impression and was our source of strength. She lived life to the fullest and we know that God is pleased. Services were held Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023, 11 AM, at Mount Zion Baptist Church,

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nurses.

When Herman Sr. got a civil service job with the Navy on Guam, Annabelle became a stay-at-home mom. She made friends from different parts of the states and in Guam's Catholic Church community on the Navy base. Annabelle, Herman Sr., Herman Jr., and Marie lived on Guam until 1965 when they returned to Seattle for Marie to start high school. Herman and Annabelle eventually bought a home in Burien. They parted ways in 1979.

Upon retirement in 1981, Annabelle returned to Lafayette to live with her sister, Christiana. She and her sister went on a tour of the "Holy Land". In 1982, she married, Willie Broussard, who lived in New Iberia on his family farm. During this time, Annabelle and three sisters, her sister-in-law, and two nieces traveled to Rome for the canonization of Mother "Saint" Katherine Drexel who built the school on the LeBlanc-White-Gordon land and schools throughout the South for People of Color.

After her husband Willie died in 2000, Annabelle traveled back and forth between her daughter, Loretta in Seattle, her son, Herman in Los Angeles

In Loving Memory of
Mattie D. Chasey

Sunrise July 27, 1936,
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In Loving Memory of
Melvin James Breaux

Melvin J. Breaux

Melvin James Breaux, was born August 9, 1962 in Beaumont, Texas and passed away February 13, 2023 at his home Renton, Washington. In celebration of his life a memorial service will be held at 1pm Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at Serenity's Personal Alternative Chapel 749 Central Ave. N Kent, WA 98032. Complete obituary and guestbook available at SerenitySeattle.com

In Loving Memory of
Wanda Allen

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Deconstruct to Reconstruct
Here's how not to adapt to falsity



BY CHARDONNAY BEAVER

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One of the most destabilizing experiences occurs when what one believes to be true proves to be otherwise. Deception erupts a handful of emotions: embarrassment, self-pity, confusion, pride and self-judgment. These emotions can lead people down a spiral, causing them to deconstruct everything they believed in.

Another destabilizing experience occurs when one's belief system is less stable or durable than it appeared. Three years ago, the entire world was made to assess their belief system when governments and gas stations alike were shutting down due to mandated quarantine.

Now three years older, and wiser, here's what I learned and observed since the coronavirus outbreak in February 2020: build a life on a belief system that is durable enough to withstand your moments of deconstruction. Build a life on a belief system that is stable enough to reconstruct your life, especially when the entire world appears as though it's falling apart.

For me, my belief system is rooted in truth. One way to repel deception is through establishing a life that orbits around the light of truth. Truth doesn't adapt to fit your standards, we adapt to the truth. The truth isn't like emotions, time and culture: wavering and unpredictable.

The truth just is.

The truth appears unwelcoming for those whose minds deceive them with a melody of lies. The truth isn't 'my truth' or 'your truth,' measured again by our single perspective. Nonetheless, the truth is the greatest platform to reconstruct your identity from.

Words of Wisdom by Char of the Week: Diligently seek after the truth. Those who welcome truth will be a light in this dark world. Whenever you need to deconstruct, the truth is the best place to start. John 12:46

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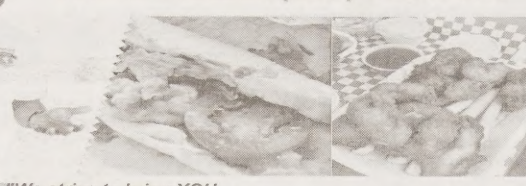
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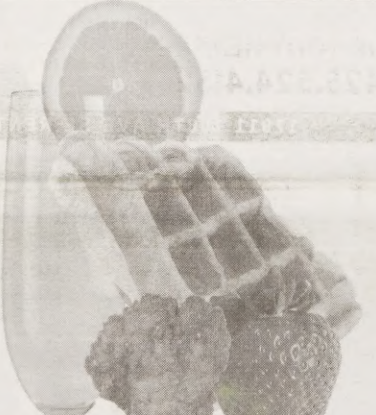
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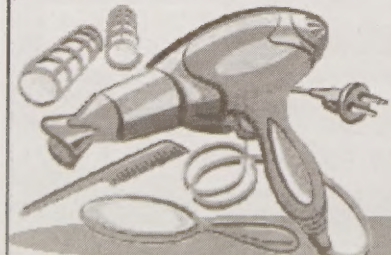
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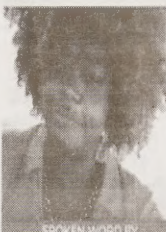
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Alex Haley, author of Roots said, "In all of us there is a hunger, marrow-deep to know our heritage." Join us in discovering your roots and begin recapturing your own family tree. This event is designed specifically for individuals with African American Ancestry, but anyone interested in learning more about family history research is welcome to attend. Join us in discovering your roots and begin building your family tree.



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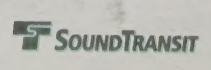
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From ancient temples to soaring, modern skyscrapers, Black architects have had a strong presence throughout history. Today, the tradition of greatness continues. MOHAI is proud to be the first venue outside of Chicago for the national traveling exhibit *From the Ground Up: Black Architects and Designers*. On display through April 30, this exhibition was originally created by The Museum of Science & Industry, Chicago. Explore the past, present, and future of architectural talent while learning about Black pioneers working in a field that has historically been predominately white. The traveling exhibit highlights 24 individual architects and designers, from the late 1800s to today. Visitors will recognize iconic landmarks from across the country and experience stories of people who paved the way for future generations. The exhibit also highlights seven historically Black college and university architecture programs that have been instrumental in providing opportunities and fostering growth within the field. In addition, visitors will learn about regional Black architects and designers who have had an impact locally and are appreciated nationally. This portion features historic and contemporary Seattle-area Black architects such as Benjamin F. McAdoo Jr., the first Black architect registered in Washington and the founder of the first African American-owned architecture practice in Seattle. MOHAI's local additions to the traveling exhibit were co-developed with the Black Heritage Society of Washington State (BHS) and curatorial consultant Hasaan Kirkland of Kairos Industry LLC.



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King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay
Announces Reelection Campaign, Upcoming Rally and
Campaign Luncheon

SEATTLE, WA- King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay announced today that he will be running for reelection to retain the seat representing King County's District 2. To kick-off his campaign, Zahilay will be holding a rally on Saturday, January 21st from 3-4:30pm at Washington Hall. Additionally, he will hold a campaign luncheon on Thursday, March 30th from 11:30am - 1:00pm at the Seattle Convention Center.

"I am proud of the work we have done on the County Council and I am eager to continue serving the residents of King County," said Zahilay. "Over the past four years, we have made significant progress on issues such as affordable housing, behavioral health, criminal justice, and community development. I am committed to continuing this important work and addressing the challenges facing our communities." Zahilay was first elected to the County Council in 2019 and has since become a strong voice for the region. His long list of accomplishments in his first term can be found at electgirmay.com/victories.

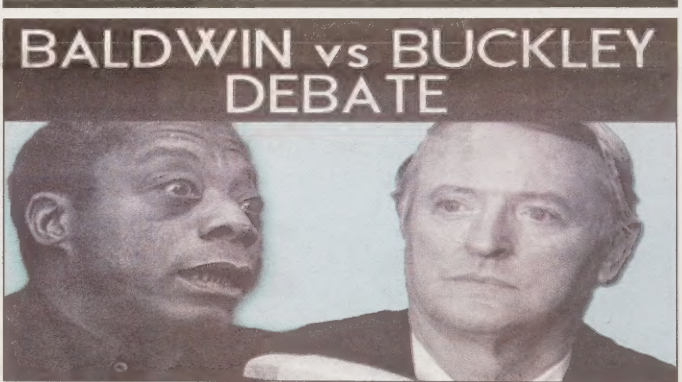
"Girmay has been a tireless advocate for the people of King County," said Council Chair Claudia Balducci. "His leadership and dedication to our community have been invaluable and I am pleased to support his reelection campaign."

The re-election rally on January 21st will be an opportunity for community members to meet Zahilay and hear more about his plans for the future. The event will also feature pizza, guest speakers, and music. The campaign luncheon on March 30th will feature speakers, lunch, networking, and awards for community heroes. People interested in attending the rally can RSVP at electgirmay.com/rally, and those interested in the luncheon can RSVP at electgirmay.com/lunch.

"I am excited to continue working on behalf of the residents of King County and I am confident that together, we can build a brighter future for our community," said Zahilay. "I hope to see you all at the rally on January 21st and at the luncheon on March 30th."

The election for King County Council will take place in November 2023. Zahilay's campaign will focus on continuing to address the affordable housing crisis, improving transportation options, and providing behavioral health and public safety services.

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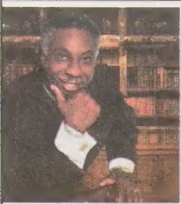
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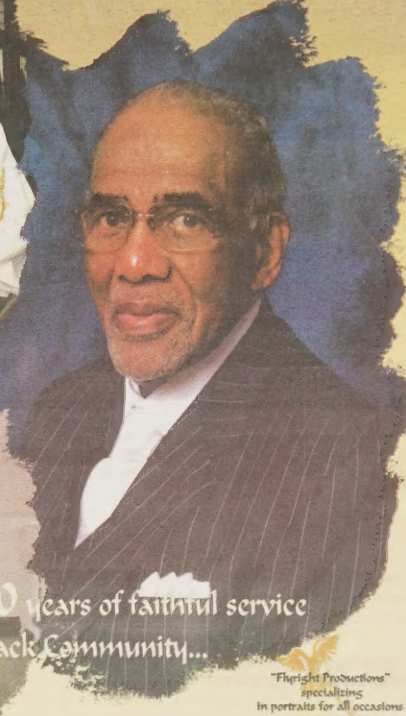
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I am writing this article on February 14th the calendar says Valentine's Day", we call February the heart month, the word LOVE is universal, Jesus commanded us to love God, Jesus, and our neighbor as ourselves with all the heart, mind, soul, strength and spirit. On the fourteenth day of the first month is the passover of the LORD. Numbers 28:16 If we love, obey the word of God, the best and most needed gift we could give ourselves is to be born again. When we ask Jesus to come into our hearts, we receive the everlasting LOVE that changes our mind, heart, soul and body from a natural to a Spirit being. Please read First Peter 1:22-23

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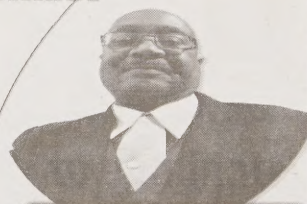
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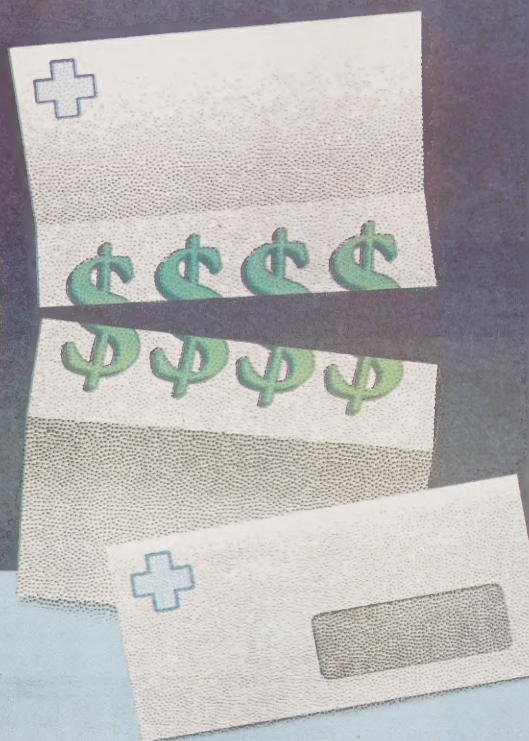
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MUSEUM OF POP CULTURE (MOPOP) APPOINTS MICHELE Y. SMITH, AS ITS NEXT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SEATTLE, WA (February 20, 2023) - The Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Michele Y. Smith as Chief Executive Officer. MoPOP enters its third decade as an



evolving and innovative cultural institution with strong ties to the Seattle and global art communities. The board of directors oversaw a robust national search process partnering with MoPOP staff and the Valtas Group executive search firm to find its next leader.

MoPOP is poised to amplify and transfer the study and celebration of pop culture, where creativity, courage, and innovation abound and unite through our shared humanity. Shaunta Hyde, President of MoPOP's Board of Directors, shares: "On behalf of the board and staff, we are excited to bring Michele's vision, passion, and excellence to MoPOP. Our mission is to make creative expression a life-changing force by offering experiences that inspire and connect our communities. Michele's background and experience are exactly what we were looking for as we grow in Seattle and the global arts community."

Smith is a mission-focused leader with extensive experience in business development, operations, and finance in the nonprofit industry. She has a people-centered leader-

ship style and approach to help drive an aligned vision and mission. Before joining MoPOP, Smith will transition from her role as the Chief Business & Financial Officer with the Award-winning cultural institution the Woodland Park Zoo. In her distinguished career at the Woodland Park Zoo, Michele led the organization through its recovery of COVID, with some of the most significant growth in revenue, events, guest services, admissions, automation, and finance. She is a champion of equity and inclusion and is a mentor to many emerging leaders. Her drive and dynamism created a stronger Zoo that supported their mission.

"I am extremely excited about the opportunity to work at this iconic cultural institution that is tied to Seattle and the global arts community," said Smith. "I was drawn to their commitment to addressing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) within museum culture. I look forward to working with the staff, board, and community to help define and shape the future and become a place for the community and guests to have creative exchanges and extraordinary experiences that spark light bulb moments for all generations."

Smith's appointment will take effect on March 27, 2023.

ABOUT MUSEUM OF POP CULTURE (MOPOP)

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